IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kazuhiko TAKADA

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A GUARD RING

Customer No.

38834

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 30, 2003

Sir

Applicant responds herein to the July 30, 2003 Office Action. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

